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FOR EXPOSURE DEVICE)

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3. Japanese Patent Application No. 2-169271.
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5. Japanese Patent Application No. 5-100232.
6. Japanese Patent Application No. 11-133402.
7. Japanese Patent Application No. 2-169270.

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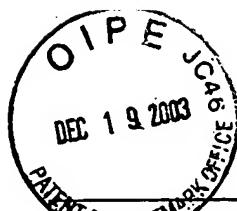


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